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that, if the Magistrates' Court was restored to Parassala, the Magistrate might be entrusted with the powers of a Munsiff.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

TRIVANDRUM TALUK.

129. Taxation of houses in the town of Trivandrum.

Mr. S. B. Marse (Member, T. I. C. Trivandrum) raised strong objections to the taxation of houses in the town of Trivandrum. He said that the taxation proposed was detrimental to the welfare and interests of the people and unnecessary and uncalled for. He also submitted that, according to the assessment list prepared for house tax, the amount arrived at was not encouraging, and he was sure that it would in no way help to meet the pressing demands they had at present for the construction of urinals and latrines. He pointed out that the new taxation would tend to the creation of a hue and cry from the general public of the town. He prayed therefore that the proposed taxation might be dropped and that the cost that would be incurred on behalf of public urinals and latrines might be borne exclusively by Government as hitherto.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

130. Repairing and constructing irrigation tanks and reservoirs in the taluk.

Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) suggested that half the cost of repairing and constructing irrigation tanks and reservoirs in the taluk should be borne by Government, the other half being defrayed by the ryots themselves.

Dewan's reply.—The question of irrigation in the taluk has been postponed, not because we want to squeeze out some contributions from the people, but because our hands are full of work and the D. P. W. are unable to take up more work. Each taluk has to be taken up one by one and the necessary investigation conducted. Plans and estimates will then have to be prepared and sanctioned. Each block will, after that, have to be taken up and work commenced. All this will take time.

CHIRAYINKIL TALUK.

131. Opening of an Agricultural School and an Agricultural Demonstration Farm at Attingal.

Mr. S. Harihara Aiyar (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) suggested the opening of an Agricultural School and a Demonstration Farm to benefit a large proportion of the boys that were studying in the Elementary Schools of the higher grade. He also suggested the provision of some arrangement in every school and farm, by which the ryots —the adult population—might be brought together on some

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